

REMARKS

Claims 1, 15 and 22 are amended. Claims 2, 9-14, 16 and 23 are canceled. Claims 1, 3-8, 15, 17-22 and 24-28 remain in the application. Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the remarks to follow is requested.

Claims 1, 3 15, 17 22 and 24-28 stand rejected as being anticipated by Landmeier (US 4,806,707).

Claims 2, 16 and 23 are objected to for depending from a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim.

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of objected to dependent claim 2, and therefore, as amended, claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 3-8 depend from allowable independent claim 1, and therefore, are allowable for depending from an allowable base claim.

Claim 15 is amended to include the limitations of objected to dependent claim 16, and therefore, as amended, claim 15 is allowable.

Claims 17-21 depend from allowable independent claim 15, and therefore, are allowable for depending from an allowable base claim.

Claim 22 is amended to include the limitations of objected to dependent claim 23, and therefore, as amended, claim 22 is allowable.

Claims 24-28 depend from allowable independent claim 22, and therefore, are allowable for depending from an allowable base claim.

This application is now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview prior to issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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